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SUBJECT: N.A.T.O. LEADERS' MEETING

1. THE CHRISTCHURCH "PRESS" IN ITS SECOND EDITORIAL
ON JUNE 5 COMMENTED:

2. "THIS YEAR'S NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANISATION
TALKS, WHICH ENDED LAST WEEK, CONCERNED THEMSELVES IN
PARTICULAR WITH SOVIET AND CUBAN ACTIVITY IN AFRICA. THE
WEST IS IN A BIND ABOUT AFRICA.

3. "DOES THE WEST WANT TO GET ITSELF EMBROILED IN
PROPPING UP BAD AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS? WHAT ARE THE LONG-
TERM ADVANTAGES FOR THE WEST? IS WESTERN CONCERN FOR
WHAT IS HAPPENING IN PARTS OF AFRICA MORE MORALLY
DEFENSIBLE THAN THE SOVIET UNION'S ACTION IN ETHIOPIA?
ON THE WHOLE, THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S CAUTION TO DATE
SEEMS SOUNDLY BASED.

4. "THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS NOT OF ONE MIND ON
THE SUBJECT. MR ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI, PRESIDENT CARTERS
NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER, IS THE STRONGEST ANTI-
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SOVIET OFFICIAL IN THE ADMINISTRATION, AND HE IS REPORTED
TO FAVOUR AMERICAN INTERVENTION IN AFRICA. HIS ANTI-
SOVIET VIEWS REACHED ATTENTIVE EARS DURING HIS RECENT
VISIT TO CHINA AND THE CHINESE HAVE NOW SPOKEN OUT AGAINST
SOVIET INTERVENTION IN CENTRAL AFRICA. BECAUSE THE CARTER
ADMINISTRATION FAVOURS DETENTE WITH THE SOVIET UNION, MR
BRZEZINSKI WILL PROBABLY PROVE AN EMBARRASSMENT TO PRESI-

DENT CARTER.

5. "THE N.A.T.O. LEADERS ALSO DISCUSSED EUROPE. PRESIDENT CARTER STRONGLY AFFIRMED AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO THE DEFENCE OF WESTERN EUROPE. AS ALWAYS, THE RELATIVE STRENGTHS OF THE WEST AND THE SOVIET UNION WERE DISCUSSED.. ANY CONSIDERATION OF THE RELATIVE STRENGTHS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE WEST AND THE SOVIET UNION MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE AGES OF THE WEAPONRY, THE REPLACEMENT PLANS, AND THE QUALITY OF ARMS, NOT JUST THEIR QUANTITY. WESTERN ALARM MAY, AT TIMES, BE MISTAKEN; BUT PRESIDENT CARTER, IN SPITE OF HIS VIEWS ON DETENTE, IS CLEARLY NOT WANTING TO ALLOW A RUNNING DOWN OF THE N.A.T.O FORCES.

6. "THE N.A.T.O TALKS WERE TAKING PLACE AT THE SAME TIME AS THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS BETWEEN, MAINLY, THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE, MR VANCE, AND THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER, MR GROMYKO...BOTH THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE A STAKE IN PEACE, NOT JUST MILITARY PROWESS. THE N.A.T.O POWERS HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT ENSURING PEACE BY MAINTAINING WEAPONRY THE S.A.L.T. NEGOTIATORS HAVE YET TO ENSURE PEACE BY LIMITING ARMS. THE GREATEST HOPE MAY STILL LIE IN THEIR AGREEMENT PROVIDED THAT ALL COUNTRIES FOLLOW THEIR LEAD." ANDERSON

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